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SUBJECT: RUSSIAN TRANSNISTRIA SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL DEMARCHE:
TURKEY

REF: A. STATE 323562

B. CHISINAU 1390

(U) Classified by Political Counselor John Kunstadter, E.O.
12958, reasons 1.5 (b) and (d).

¶1. (U) Due to Turkey's week-long official holiday, Embassy
deputy political counselor delivered ref A demarche to MFA
Eastern Europe Department Head Omur Solendil on December 3.

¶12. (C) Solendil said the GOT had "noted" the Russian
Transnistria memorandum was prepared without consultation
with the OSCE. He claimed that Turkey supported Moldovan
territorial integrity, but undercut himself by adding that
the GOT was not "specifically worried" that the Russian
memorandum threatened it. Citing lack of transparency in
developing the memorandum and the possibility of new draft
articles that could authorize Russian troop presence through
2020 (ref B), we replied that this appeared to be part of a
Russian effort to play an inappropriate role in Transnistria.

Solendil said Turkey supported peaceful resolution of the
Transnistria dispute, but only if the proposed solution were
viable and acceptable to all concerned. We said that the USG
considered the Russian proposal neither viable nor acceptable
within Moldova proper, and that this posed the specter of
unrest; Solendil said the GOT had "seen reports" to that
effect.

¶13. (C) Solendil noted at the November 27 OSCE Permanent
Council Meeting, MFA Deputy U/S Sensoy had called
Transnistria negotiations to be concluded in consultation
with the other mediators in the conflict. Sensoy added that
the GOT was committed to CFE as a cornerstone of Europe's
security architecture, and that Russian fulfillment of the
Istanbul commitments was of utmost importance. Solendil said
Turkey would prefer a multinational force in Transnistria,
perhaps along the lines of Berlin-plus.

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